

IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of the claim will replace all prior versions and listings of claim in the present application.

Listing of Claims

Claims 1-7 (canceled).

8. (Currently Amended) A method of maintaining and managing a plurality of power ~~supplying-generating~~ facilities which supply power to arbitrary power systems, comprising the steps of:

receiving information of a failure which has occurred in at least one of said power ~~supplying-generating~~ facilities, through communication means, according to operation information of said power generating facilities,

selecting a repairing period and procedure for said failure, from repairing periods and procedures which are predetermined according to levels of failures, and

outputting an instruction to control the operation of at least one of the said power ~~supplying-generating~~ facilities other than the said power ~~supplying-generating~~ facility in which said failure has occurred, according to the said selected repairing period and procedure.

Claims 9-11 (canceled).

12. (Currently Amended) An operation and management system for power generating facilities which maintains and manages a plurality of power generating facilities which supply power to arbitrary power systems, comprising:

a database storing operation data obtained while ~~the~~said power generating facilities are in normal operating states and operation data obtained while ~~the~~said power generating facilities are in abnormal states,

an error supervision/diagnosis means which compares actual operation data of said power ~~supplying~~generating facilities with operation data stored in said database, checks for any operation error, and outputs failure information when finding an operation error,

a fault level judge means which determines ~~the~~a level of said failure from said output failure information, and

an operation scheduling means which shows a predetermined repairing period and procedure selected according to ~~the~~said determined failure level.